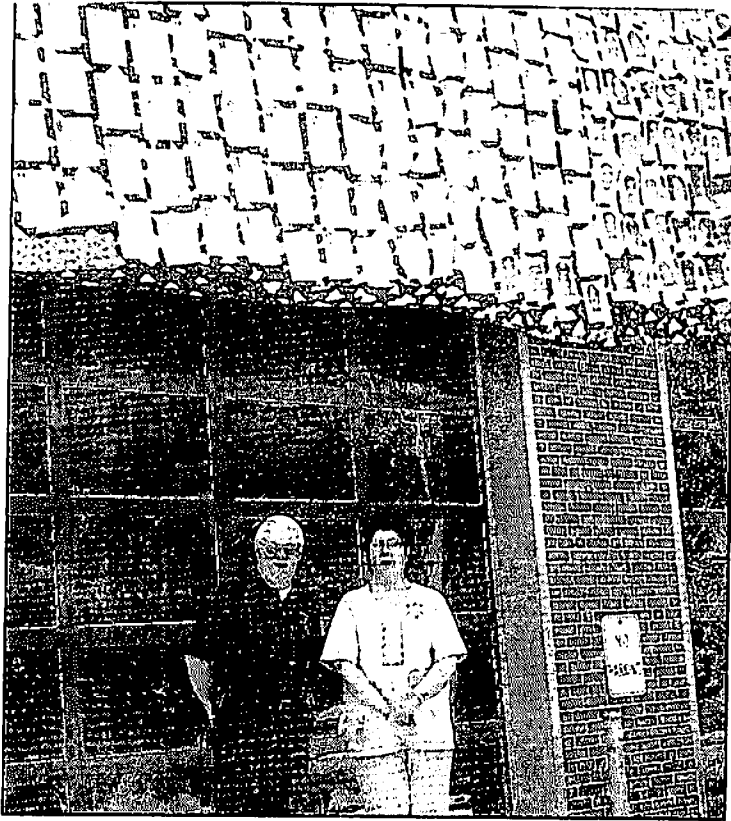


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LABOR OF LOVE—Chief Harriman stands with local seamstress Razia under the giant quilt Razia hand-sewed honoring 343 firefighters killed on Sept. 11. The quilt hung from the central fire station last weekend, and is now at the firemen's union hall in NYC. (See story on page 3)

Seamstress Honors Sept. 11 Heroes

That giant quilt hanging from the central fire station this weekend was Razia Jan's tribute to the firefighters who were killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Razia owns Razia's tailoring shop in the Duxbury Marketplace. She is a native of Afghanistan, and felt compelled to get involved in assisting in the New York City relief efforts last year.

She organized a fabric fund to purchase fleece material, and donated her own time and skill to sew 360 fleece blankets which were delivered to the relief workers at the World Trade Center site.

Feeling that she wanted to do more, Razia came up with the idea of a memorial quilt. She again accepted donations to allow her to purchase a special printable material. She printed the pictures and stories of all the 343 firemen killed that day, and sewed them into the giant quilt.

Razia also made two smaller quilts, one honoring the policemen who died and one honoring the transit authority police who were killed.

"It's amazing what she has done," said Fire Chief Bill Harriman, who was proud to display the quilt on the firehouse.

Seeing the quilt hanging for the first time brought tears to Razia's eyes.

"It's now up to 356 you know. Firemen who died from injuries that day," Razia said.

Harriman drove all three quilts down to the firefighters' union headquarters in NYC on Monday. Razia was planning to meet him there to present the quilts.

Razia's firemen quilt will hang in the firemen's union hall, and will also be hung in the entrance to Madison Square Garden during a fundraiser for the deceased firefighters families in October.